**Politics and Government Programs**

Degrees Offered: B.A., B.S.

**Major in Political Science**

- POL 398A01 or LGS 398A20 may be substituted with an approved overseas academic experience (Study Abroad) or university sponsored academic experience (must be credit generating) or consent of the department chair.
- A maximum of 6 hours in POL 398A01 and LGS 398A20 may count toward a Political Science major.
- It is recommended that Political Science majors enroll in POL 100 in their first semester of study and in POL 106 in their second semester of study.

Transfer students wishing to complete the major are recommended to enroll in POL 100 and 106 in their first year at Illinois State University if they have not already had equivalent courses.

**Concentrations:** The major in Political Science allows students the unique opportunity to tailor their electives to complement their career goals. Political Science majors may choose (but are not required) one of the following concentrations.

- **American Politics:** POL 213, 214, 217, 218, 220, 221, 222, 225, 305, 310, 312, 317
- **Comparative Politics:** POL 240, 242, 245, 246, 247, 340, 341, 344, 345, 349
- **International Relations:** POL 251, 252, 254, 255, 351, 352, 358
- **Public Law:** POL 215, 266, 318, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328
- **Public Policy:** POL 231, 232, 234, 236, 330, 331, 333, 334, 335
- **Political Theory:** POL 261, 262, 265, 266, 337, 338, 339, 361, 363

**Minor in Political Science**

- 18 hours required in Politics and Government
- Required courses: POL 100 and any 15 hours in Politics and Government
- A maximum of 3 hours in POL 398A01 and LGS 398A20 may count toward a Political Science minor

Note: POL 398A01 or LGS 398A20 are not required for the minor.

**Legal Studies Program**

The Legal Studies curriculum is an American Bar Association approved paralegal educational program. It is designed to prepare students for a career as a paralegal in public and private law offices, corporate law departments, and government agencies. Students learn how to communicate effectively with both lawyers and laymen. When acting under an attorney’s supervision, a trained paralegal can perform many law-related tasks although they do not give legal advice to clients, set fees or represent clients in court. Paralegals may not provide legal services directly to the public except as
Admission to the Legal Studies major is limited and based on space availability and the competitiveness of the applicant pool. Factors that may be considered include, but are not limited to: courses completed, cumulative GPA, hours completed, personal interview or written statement, and samples of work completed. For additional information on minimum requirements for admission, and the application process, visit IllinoisState.edu/Majors or contact the undergraduate advisor for the intended major.

In order to gain admission into the Legal Studies minor, a student must have completed at least two (2) Legal Studies courses (one of which must be LGS 201); and must have earned a cumulative GPA of at least 2.50 in those two Legal Studies courses. For further information contact the Department of Politics and Government.

### Major in Legal Studies

**Degrees Offered:** B.A., B.S.

- 40 hours in Legal Studies, required Politics and Government courses and approved electives
- Required core courses:
  - LGS 201, 203, 204, 370, 371, and 398A20 (3 hours)
  - POL 106, 296
- LGS 398A20 may be substituted for one of the Legal Studies elective courses with consent of either the Department Chair or the Director of Legal Studies.
- Eighteen (18) hours in elective courses (9 hours must be Legal Studies electives) from the following:
  - Legal Studies Electives: LGS 216, 314, 315, 319, 322, 360, 372
  - Politics and Government Electives: POL 212, 215, 283, 293A03, 318, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328
  - Other Electives: CJS 206, 215, 305; ENG 248; GEO 312; HIS 253; PHI 242, 340; SOC 365, 367; or other law-related courses specifically approved by the Director of Legal Studies
- A maximum of six (6) hours in LGS 398A20 may count toward a Legal Studies major
- It is recommended that Legal Studies majors enroll in POL 106 in their first year of study. Transfer students wishing to complete the major are recommended to enroll in POL 106 in their first year at Illinois State University if they have not already had an equivalent course.

### Minor in Legal Studies

- 24 hours required
- Required courses (15 hours):
  - LGS 201, 203, 204, 370, 371
- 9 hours selected from the following Legal Studies specialty courses: LGS 216, 314, 319, 322, 360, 372, 398A20
- A maximum of 6 credits of internship can be counted toward fulfilling the Legal Studies requirements. Additional hours of internship may be taken for credit as University electives.
- **NOTE:** Only Legal Studies courses with a grade of C or better can count toward the minor.

Students should consult the Department advisor to learn which selected studies (189, 289, 389) courses may satisfy major requirements; this would include Politics and Government SENIOR SEMINAR, which counts toward fulfilling the 300-level hours requirement.

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MAJOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (B.A., B.S.)

General Education (39 credit hours)
Refer to the General Education section of the Undergraduate Catalog for a complete list of General Education requirements and courses.

Communication and Composition (2 courses required)
_____ 3 COM 110 Communication as Critical Inquiry
_____ 3 ENG 101 or ENG 101A10 Composition as Critical Inquiry

Mathematics (1 course required)

Natural Science/Natural Science Alternatives (2 courses required)
Students must complete 1 course from 2 different sciences.

United States Traditions (1 course required)

Individuals & Civic Life (1 course required)
_____ 3 POL 106 U.S. Government & Civic Practices

Fine Arts (1 course/3 credit hours required)***

Humanities (1 course required)***

Language in the Humanities (1 course required)***

Quantitative Reasoning for B.S. or LAN 115 for B.A. (1 course required)
_____ 3 POL 138 Quantitative Reasoning in Political Science

Science, Math, & Technology (1 course required)

Social Sciences (1 course required)***
_____ 3 POL 140 Introduction to the Politics of Africa, Asia, & Latin America

Additional Graduation Requirements

_____/120 minimum total credit hours

_____/42 minimum senior college hours

_____ College of Arts & Sciences language requirement

AMALI requirement
***certain courses in General Education fulfill the AMALI requirement
See the AMALI Requirement section of the catalog or the Course Finder website for a list of courses.
_____ 3 POL 140 Introduction to the Politics of Africa, Asia, & Latin America

B.S. Science, Math, & Technology or B.A. LAN 115 (1 course required)
See the B.S.—SMT Requirement section of the catalog or the Course Finder website for a list of courses.

Major (40 credit hours)

_____ 3 POL 100 Introduction to Politics
_____ 3 POL 106 U.S. Government & Civic Practices
_____ 3 POL 138 Quantitative Reasoning in Political Science (P: MAT 113 or 130 or 120 or 145)
_____ 3 POL 140 Introduction to the Politics of Africa, Asia, & Latin America
_____ 3 POL 161 Introduction to Political Theory
_____ 1 POL 296 Political Science Professional Development (P: 60+ earned hours)

Take 1 of the following courses (minimum 3 credit hours):
_____ 3 POL 398A01 Professional Practice: Public Service Internship
_____ 3 LGS 398A20 Professional Practice: Paralegal Internship

Take 1 of the following courses:
_____ 3 POL 150 Introduction to U.S. Foreign Policy
_____ 3 POL 151 Introduction to International Relations

Take 6 (18 credit hours) additional Political Science electives: The Political Science major requires a minimum of 12 credit hours at the 200-level and a minimum of 6 credit hours at the 300-level. See the general POL section for POL concentrations.

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All Courses:
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MAJOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (B.A., B.S.)

Transfer Students

Illinois Articulation Initiative (min. 37 credit hours)
To be eligible for IAI, at least one transfer course must have been articulated to an IAI core requirement. Refer to the Undergraduate Catalog for a complete list of IAI courses and policies.

Communication and Composition (3 courses required)
A grade of C or better required in ENG 101 and 145 or equivalents
_____ 3 C2 900 COM 110 Communication as Critical Inquiry
_____ 3 C1 900 ENG 101 or ENG 101A10 Composition as Critical Inquiry
_____ 3 C1 901 ENG 145 Writing in the Academic Disciplines

Mathematics (1 course required)
Please see major requirements for mathematics options

Physical & Life Sciences (2 courses/7-8 hours required)
Students must complete 1 life science and 1 physical science course; at least 1 course must have a lab.

Humanities & Fine Arts (3 courses required)
At least 1 humanities and 1 fine arts course required

Social & Behavioral Sciences (3 courses required)
Two different disciplines must be represented
_____ 3 SS 900 POL 106 U.S. Government and Civic Practices
_____ 3 SS 905 POL 140 Politics of Africa, Asia, and Latin America
_____ 3 SS 904N POL 151 Introduction to International Relations
_____ 3 Course from another discipline

Additional Graduation Requirements

___/120 minimum total credit hours

___/42 minimum senior college hours

___ College of Arts & Sciences language requirement

AMALI requirement
See the AMALI Requirement section of the catalog or the Course Finder website for a list of courses.
_____ 3 POL 140 Introduction to the Politics of Africa, Asia, & Latin America

B.S. Science, Math, & Technology or B.A. LAN 115 (1 course required)
See the B.S.—SMT Requirement section of the catalog or the Course Finder website for a list of courses.

Major (40 credit hours)

_____ 3 POL 100 Introduction to Politics
_____ 3 POL 106 U.S. Government & Civic Practices
_____ 3 POL 138 Quantitative Reasoning in Political Science (P: MAT 113 or 130 or 120 or 145)
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Take 6 (18 credit hours) additional Political Science electives:
The Political Science major requires a minimum of 12 credit hours at the 200-level and a minimum of 6 credit hours at the 300-level. See the general POL section for POL concentrations.

Maximum 6 hours of POL 398A01 and LGS 398A20 may count toward major.

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# MAJOR IN LEGAL STUDIES (B.A., B.S.)

## General Education (39 credit hours)
Refer to the General Education section of the Undergraduate Catalog for a complete list of General Education requirements and courses.

### Communication and Composition (2 courses required)
- 3 COM 110 Communication as Critical Inquiry
- 3 ENG 101 or ENG 101A10 Composition as Critical Inquiry

### Mathematics (1 course required)
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### Natural Science/Natural Science Alternatives (2 courses required)
Students must complete 1 course from 2 different sciences.
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### United States Traditions (1 course required)
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### Individuals & Civic Life (1 course required)
Exempt for Legal Studies majors

### Fine Arts (1 course/3 credit hours required)***
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### Humanities (1 course required)***
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### Language in the Humanities (1 course required)***
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### Quantitative Reasoning for B.S. or LAN 115 for B.A. (1 course required)
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### Science, Math, & Technology (1 course required)
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### Social Sciences (1 course required)***
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## Additional Graduation Requirements

- 120 minimum total credit hours
- 42 minimum senior college hours
- College of Arts & Sciences language requirement

### AMALI requirement
***Certain courses in General Education fulfill the AMALI requirement. See the AMALI Requirement section of the catalog or the Course Finder website for a list of courses.

### B.S. Science, Math, & Technology or B.A. LAN 115 (1 course required)
See the B.S.—SMT Requirement section of the catalog or the Course Finder website for a list of courses.

## Major (40 credit hours)

### Core Courses
- 3 LGS 201 Introduction to Law for Paralegals (P: 45+ earned hours)
- 3 LGS 203 Legal Research I (P: LGS 201)
- 3 LGS 204 Legal Research II (P: 203)
- 3 LGS 370 Litigation I (P: LGS 201, 203)
- 3 LGS 371 Litigation II (P: LGS 370)
- 3 LGS 398A20 Professional Practice: Paralegal Internship
- 3 POL 106 U.S. Government & Civic Practices
- 1 POL 296 Political Science Professional Development (P: 60+ earned hours)

### Additional Legal Studies Major Electives
- 3 courses chosen from:
  - LGS 216, 314, 315, 319, 322, 360, 372

### Additional Electives
- 9 credit hours chosen from:
  - LGS courses listed above if not used for Legal Studies major electives; POL 212, 215, 283, 293A03, 318, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328; CJS 206, 215, 305; ENG 248; GEO 312; HIS 253; PHI 242; 340; SOC 365; 367

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MAJOR IN LEGAL STUDIES (B.A., B.S.)

Transfer Students

Illinois Articulation Initiative (min. 37 credit hours)
To be eligible for IAI, at least one transfer course must have been articulated to an IAI core requirement. Refer to the Undergraduate Catalog for a complete list of IAI courses and policies.

Communication and Composition (3 courses required)
A grade of C or better required in ENG 101 and 145 or equivalents

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Mathematics (1 course required)
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Humanities & Fine Arts (3 courses required)
At least 1 humanities and 1 fine arts course required

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Social & Behavioral Sciences (3 courses required)
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B.S. Science, Math, & Technology or B.A. LAN 115 (1 course required)
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(LGS 216, 314, 315, 319, 322, 360, 372)

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